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LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

DAY ONE: Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad enters the courtroom Tuesday in Virginia Beach, Va. Muhammad pleaded innocent to two counts of capital murder stemming from the October 2002 shooting death of Dean Harold Meyers. Jury selection is in the preliminary stages; the trial is expected to last at least six weeks. ♦ **Profile:** Meyers recalled as a generous man | Page 7

No Slowdown in Latino Growth

WASHINGTON | The population surge that has made Hispanics America's largest minority shows no sign of slowing in the next 20 years, according to a study released Tuesday.

The Hispanic population is expected to grow from 35.3 million in 2000, or about 13 percent of all U.S. residents, to about 60.4 million in 2020, or 18 percent, according to an analysis by The Pew Hispanic Center. That means the population would grow at a rate of

about 1.2 million a year through 2020, about the same rate as during the 1990s.

Almost half the Latino growth during the next two decades is expected to come from second-generation Hispanics, those born in the United States of at least one foreign-born parent, and 25 percent will be immigrants. That reverses the trend between 1970 and 2000, when immigrants accounted for nearly half the growth. (AP)

High Court To Decide On Pledge

Appeals court ruling deemed 'under God' unconstitutional

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to decide whether it's unconstitutional for children in public schools to pledge their allegiance to "one nation under God."

Sometime next year, the high court will hear the case of a California atheist who objects to the pledge his 9-year-old daughter's teacher leads daily.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco agreed with Michael Newdow last year, and the ruling set off a national uproar. The ruling is on hold pending the court challenge.

The Constitution guarantees there will be no government "establishment of religion," wording that has come to mean a general ban on overt government sponsorship of religion. The Supreme Court has said that schoolchildren cannot be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Most lawyers who watch the court had predicted the justices would not take on the highly divisive pledge case.

In another surprise, Justice Antonin Scalia said he will not take part in the case. He did not explain why, but Newdow had challenged Scalia's impartiality based on remarks Scalia made at a "Religious Freedom Day" observance this year. Scalia said the issue would be better decided by lawmakers than judges. His absence sets up the possibility that the court could deadlock 4-4. ANNE GEARAN (AP)



Scalia

Very Bad Things: Could it be ... evil? Queens of the Stone Age's *Josh Homme* and *PJ Harvey* are a match made in hell;



Texas Chainsaw Massacre as folklore; more airheaded heiresses plague TV and "Madden" falls off its throne. **ENTERTAINMENT** | 11-13

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COFFEE

Multi-Purpose Perk

A group of Brazilian scientists say that not only will coffee help you stay awake at work, it also can help increase male fertility by speeding up sperm. A team from Sao Paulo University says a couple cups of coffee increases sperm's swimming capacity — the only drug that seems to improve sperm's performance, the BBC reports. The same study says tobacco use can lead to



erectile dysfunction, and that marijuana speeds sperm up so much that they literally burn out before they can reach the egg. (EXPRESS)

SCIENCE

Great Space Elevator?

Some scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico want to build an elevator reaching 62,000 miles into the sky to launch payloads into space more cheaply than the shuttle can. The elevator would be made of a strong, lightweight material and would move payloads of satellites and other materials into space. "The first country that owns the space elevator will own space," lab scientist Bryan Laubscher said. (AP)

CRIME

Sorry, No Surround Sound

A Front Royal, Va., man got a little less than he bargained for when he allegedly tried to steal a DVD player from a Sears in nearby Winchester. According to employees, the device would have been worth \$450 — if it had been an actual DVD player and not a mock-up display unit, the Winchester Star reported. Police told the Star they're still investigating the incident. (EXPRESS)

THE GREAT BEYOND

Traitor at Birth?

Benedict Arnold may be best known for treason in the 18th century, but according to his tombstone, he wasn't born until after the Revolutionary War — and he lived for 150 years. Arnold was born in Norwichtown (now Norwich), Conn., in 1741. He fled to England in 1779 before could face treason charges and died there in 1801. The existing memorial in London says Arnold was born in 1801 and died in 1951. A Norwich historian says he's received permission to correct the stone. (AP)



WHO KNEW? New York is home to the most interstate routes in the country, with 29 federal highways crisscrossing the state, according to the Federal Highway Administration.



JESSE GALLEGOS/LAS VEGAS DAILY OPTIC/AP

SPORTS

Pretty, Tough

After freshman tailback Vanessa Lucero scored the opening touchdown in West Las Vegas High School's 67-0 rout of Pojoaque, she traded in her helmet for a tiara and assumed her role as homecoming princess. The 14-year-old Nevada native says the TD and being princess Saturday were equally exciting. Of her football role, she said, "It's only a guy sport until a girl joins." (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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L.A. Strike Tangles City Traffic

Transit walkout strands hundreds of thousands of daily commuters

LOS ANGELES | Train and bus mechanics for the United States' third-largest mass-transit system walked off the job Tuesday, stranding hundreds of thousands of Southern California commuters already burdened by a supermarket strike and sporadic sickouts by sheriff's deputies.

Commuters scrambled for other ways of getting to work on Tuesday, leaving the city's highways even more jammed than usual.

The strikes could deal a serious blow to the ailing California economy. Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp., estimated the transit strike



Stranded morning commuters crowd onto a shuttle bus set up to help ease tensions caused by the strike at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday.

could cost \$4 million a day.

The strike by 2,000 mechanics brought most of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's bus and train service to a halt.

The MTA carries about 500,000 riders a day, or about 80 percent of those in Los Angeles County who use public transit, spokesman Ed Scannell said. ALEX VIEGA (AP)

Court Clears Way for Medicinal Pot

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court cleared the way Tuesday for state laws allowing ill patients to smoke marijuana if a doctor recommends it.

Justices turned down the Bush administration's request to consider whether the federal government can punish doctors for recommending or perhaps just talking about the benefits of the drug to sick patients. An appeals court said the government cannot.

Nine states have laws legalizing marijuana for people with physician recommendations or prescriptions: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. And 35 states have passed legislation recognizing marijuana's medicinal value.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that physicians should be able to speak candidly with patients without fear of government sanctions, but they can be punished if they actually help patients obtain the drug. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

REVISITING ONLINE PORN

The Supreme Court on Tuesday also agreed to examine how to protect children from online smut:

→ The case asks whether the government can require some form of an adults-only screening system on the Internet to ensure children cannot see adult material deemed harmful to them. The American Civil Liberties Union opposes such a rule.

High court decisions: Charles Lane reports on the court's moves on medical marijuana and the pledge of allegiance | Today's Washington Post, A Section.

Court Won't Block Tube Removal in Fla. Coma Case

PINELLAS PARK, FLA. | An appeals court on Tuesday refused to block the removal of a brain-damaged woman's feeding tube, one of the last hopes her parents had for keeping her alive.

The state court in Lakeland rejected motions by an attorney for the parents of Terri Schiavo, who is scheduled to have the feeding tube removed at 2 p.m. Wednesday at

her husband's request. Schiavo, 39, is expected to die within two weeks after the tube is removed. She's been in a vegetative state since suffering a heart attack in 1990.



Schiavo

Michael Schiavo says he is carrying out his wife's wishes that she not be kept alive artificially. The parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, say their daughter could be rehabilitated. Doctors, however, disagree. (AP)

Judge to Media: Reveal Lee Sources

WASHINGTON | A federal judge has ordered five reporters to reveal their sources for stories that portrayed Wen Ho Lee, a former nuclear weapons scientist, as a chief suspect in a Chinese espionage investigation.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ordered the reporters to answer questions about their sources and to provide Lee's attorneys with notes and other documents from their reporting.

"It does not detract from the

importance of the First Amendment principle at stake to conclude, in the instant case at least," that making possible evidence of government leaks available for trial outweighs the interest of keeping sources confidential, Jackson wrote.

Lee is suing the Energy and Justice Departments alleging government officials provided private information about him to reporters and suggested he was a suspect in an investigation into the possible

theft of nuclear secrets from Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

Lee was indicted in December 1999 on 59 felony counts alleging he mishandled nuclear weapons information. He was held in solitary confinement for nine months, then was released in September 2000 after pleading guilty to a single felony count.

Jackson's order affects reporters from the Associated Press, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times and CNN. (AP)

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Nation

Mobster Pleads Guilty Under Deal

Informant avoids death penalty after linking former agent to murder

BOSTON | Mob informant Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi pleaded guilty to racketeering charges Tuesday to avoid the death penalty under an agreement in which he accused his former FBI handler of helping to set up a murder.

Flemmi appeared in U.S. District Court to change his plea to guilty on a federal indictment that charges him in connection with 10 murders. The plea deal calls for him to serve life in prison.

Prosecutors described graphic details of the slayings, as many of the victims' relatives watched from the courtroom. Prosecutor Fred Wyshak Jr. said Flemmi removed teeth from some victims to prevent authorities from identifying their bodies.

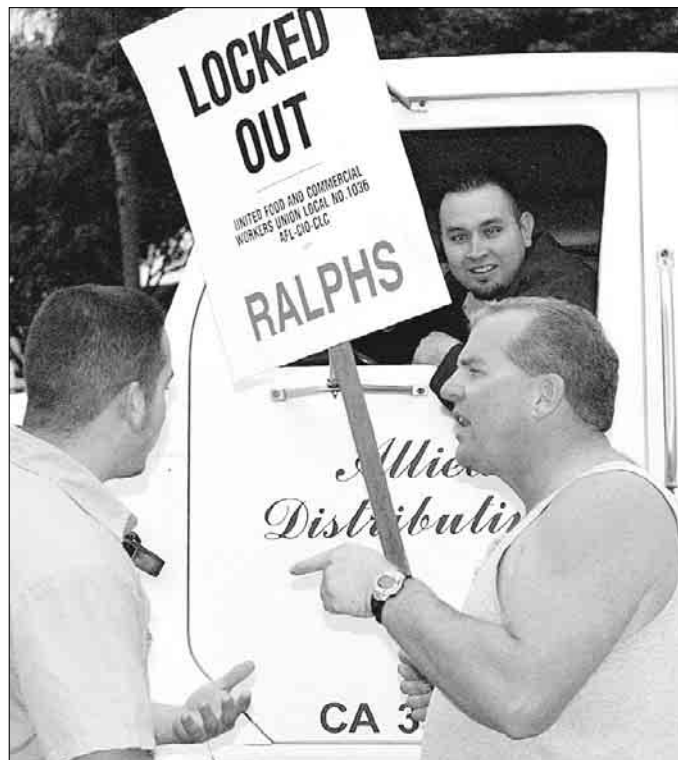
Earlier this month, Flemmi cut a deal with prosecutors in which he accused the man who recruited him to become an FBI informant in the 1960s, a law enforcement source, speaking only on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press.

Flemmi backed up a story provided by a mob hitman who told investigators that former FBI Agent H. Paul Rico helped him and others set up the killing of Tulsa, Okla., businessman Roger Wheeler in 1981, the source said. Rico was arrested Thursday.

In exchange for Flemmi's cooperation in the Wheeler case, state prosecutors in Oklahoma agreed to drop their bid for the death penalty against Flemmi in Wheeler's killing.

Florida prosecutors also agreed to remove the death penalty in another mob killing in which Flemmi was charged. **DENISE LAVOIE (AP)**

GROCERY STRIKE | ON THE OUTS



STILL NO SOLUTION: Ralphs meat department manager Tom Young, right, shares a few words with delivery truck drivers in Santa Barbara, Calif., on Tuesday. Southern California grocery clerks from three chains spent their third day on the picket lines with no sign of a new labor contract.

Judge Says Nichols Trial To Proceed

OKLAHOMA CITY | A judge on Tuesday refused to delay the state's murder trial against Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols despite claims that the federal government is not cooperating in making witnesses available to defense attorneys.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Nichols, who was convicted of federal charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing and sentenced to life in prison for the death of eight federal agents. He faces 161 state counts of first-degree murder for the 160 other victims in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, plus a fetus whose mother was killed in the blast.

District Judge Steven Taylor issued a Feb. 13 deadline for the government to make witnesses available for interviews.

"At what point do the problems presented by the federal government become the state's problem and my problem in guaranteeing Mr. Nichols a fair trial?" Taylor asked in a pre-trial hearing. The trial begins March 1. **RON JENKINS (AP)**



Nichols

In Brief

HOLLYWOOD, FLA.

Nanny Charged After Being Videotaped Shaking Baby

A woman has been charged with child abuse after "nanny cams" showed her bashing a baby on the kitchen floor and forcefully shaking the 5-month-old girl, police said. Muro was arrested Thursday on four counts of felony child abuse, authorities said. She was being

held Tuesday at the North Broward Detention Facility on \$150,000 bond, authorities said. **(AP)**

BATON ROUGE, LA.

State to Analyze Stomach Bypass Surgery's Costs

Forty overweight government employees will get stomach bypass surgery in a \$1 million experiment to see whether it keeps insurance payments down over the long run by preventing other health problems. The participants will be monitored

for three years. A few states require insurance companies to cover the operation, which clips the stomach to a fraction of its original size and bypasses part of the intestine. This makes people feel full much more quickly, and make them digest less of what they eat. **(AP)**

AUSTIN, TEXAS

State Democrats Challenge GOP-Backed Redistricting

Democrats filed a motion in federal court seeking to prohibit the

state from implementing the new Republican-backed congressional redistricting map, an attorney said Tuesday. The motion, filed in federal court in Tyler on Sunday night, alleges that the map is illegal, attorney Gerry Hebert said. The map had received final approval in the legislature earlier Sunday. Under the plan, Republicans could win as many as seven additional seats in the state's congressional delegation, which Democrats now dominate 17-15. **(AP)**

BY THE NUMBERS: According to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll released Tuesday, President Bush's job approval rating is up to 53 percent after a six-month slide. ♦ An expanded look at the poll and analysis of the president's standings | www.washingtonpost.com

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In Brief

NEPAL

4 Students Die After Soldiers Battle Rebels at High School

Soldiers stormed a high school that was taken over by Maoist rebels, battling for hours, officials and witnesses said Tuesday. The army said 11 insurgents and four students were killed. The rebels, which the government have labeled terrorists, have been fighting since 1996 to abolish Nepal's constitutional monarchy and set up a communist state. (AP)

NEW ZEALAND

Parliament Approves Court, Sheds Reliance on Britain

New Zealand cut another link with its British colonial past Tuesday when Parliament passed a law to establish a final court of appeal and end 163 years of legal dependence on Britain. Under the new law, the Supreme Court of five judges will become the country's final court of appeal starting July 1, 2004. Appeals to London will end in December. (AP)

NORTH KOREA

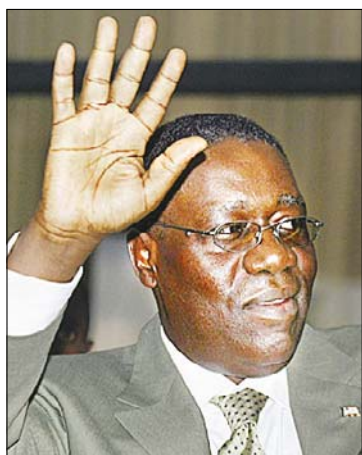
South Korean Officials in Pyongyang for Nuclear Talks

A South Korean delegation traveled to North Korea on Tuesday for Cabinet-level talks on Pyongyang's development of nuclear weapons. The meetings, which end Friday, are the 12th held since an inter-Korean summit in 2000 led to a series of joint reconciliation projects. The nuclear dispute flared a year ago when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted running a secret nuclear program in violation of international agreements. (AP)

MIDEAST

Army Sends 15 Palestinian Detainees to Gaza Strip

Israel's military on Tuesday ordered 15 Palestinian detainees expelled from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip, an action human rights groups denounced as a violation of international law. The military said most are members of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad militant groups, though an army statement said none participated directly in attacks on Israelis. Expulsion is an especially sensitive issue for Palestinians, many of whom were made refugees as they fled or were forced out of what is now Israel during wars. (AP)



Gyude Bryant waves to supporters on his arrival at the airport near Monrovia.

Liberians Welcome New Leader

Businessman takes over two months after Taylor sent into exile

MONROVIA, LIBERIA | Businessman Gyude Bryant took office as Liberia's interim leader Tuesday, inheriting a nation in ruins after years of civil war and rebellion.

Bryant, a low-key political reformer welcomed as a neutral figure in the country's power struggles, was sworn in two months after warlord Charles Taylor was ushered into exile under international pressure as rebels surrounded Monrovia.

"Never again will we Liberians use war as a way of addressing our concerns," said Bryant.

West Africa leaders hugged Bryant before he took an oath as chairman, rather than president, of the two-year transition government. The government is charged with guiding the country into 2005 elections. AUSTIN MERRILL (AP)

U.S. Pushes for Quick Vote

Washington wants decision on Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS | France, Russia and Germany urged the United States Tuesday to add a timetable for the transfer of power to Iraqis to its new resolution, but Washington called for a quick vote and a U.S. official cautioned against major changes.

In an apparent effort to reach a compromise, the three countries dropped their demand for a hand-over of sovereignty to an Iraqi government within months. Instead, their proposed amendments would give the U.N. a role in establishing

the timetable.

Diplomats said if the United States accepted the amendments, the draft would get the support of 14 of the 15 Security Council members, with only Syria's vote in doubt.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was highly doubtful Washington would agree to any major changes.

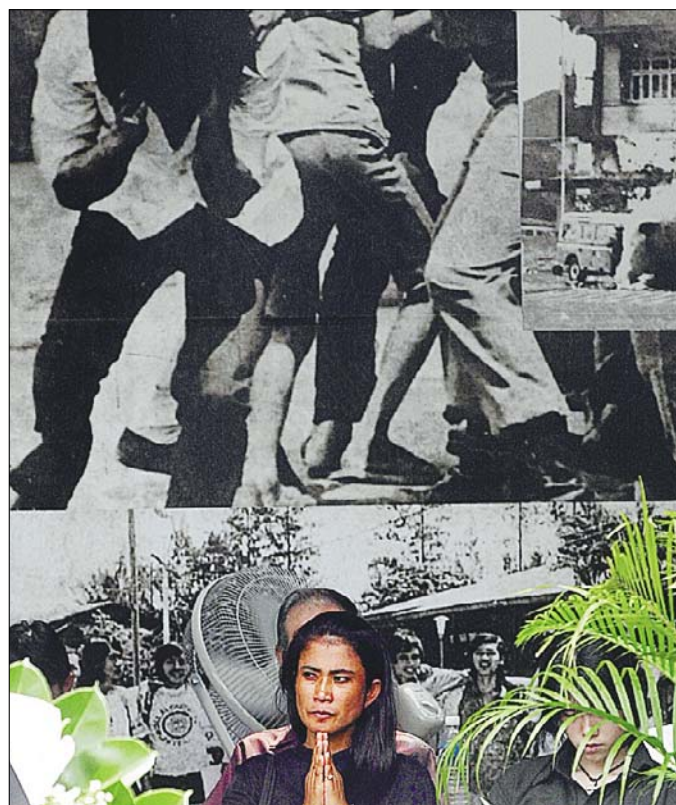
EDITH M. LEDERER (AP)

Shiite unrest: Top commander warns that U.S. troops may be forced to act in Karbala. Today's Post: Section A

TURKISH EMBASSY HIT

→ Suicide car bombers struck in Baghdad for the third time in a week Tuesday, this time outside the Turkish Embassy. Witnesses said the driver and a bystander were killed. The Turkish parliament last week approved sending peacekeepers to Iraq in the coming months. The Turkish Foreign Ministry said the attack would not affect an eventual troop deployment. "Turkey will persevere with its efforts with determination," it said.

THAILAND | IMAGES FROM AN ERA'S END



REFLECTION: In Bangkok, a woman prays in front of pictures from an October 1973 uprising. Thousands rallied Tuesday to mark the anniversary of the pro-democracy protest that ended decades of military rule in Thailand. The Thai government declared October 14 a national holiday.

Anglicans Grapple With Gay Issues

LONDON | The unity of the worldwide Anglican Communion hangs in the balance as international church leaders gathered for a closed-door summit to talk about homosexuality, the issue threatening to fracture the 77-million member association.

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, spiritual leader of the communion, called the unprecedented meeting in August, after Episcopalians in the United States — the American branch of Anglicanism — ratified the election of their first openly gay bishop.

Conservatives worldwide have condemned the move and threatened to split the communion if Williams doesn't discipline the North Americans — though he has little power to do so.

The outcome of the meeting could affect Anglican relations with other religions. (AP)

IRAN | FAINT PRAISE



"This award has been given to her totally on the basis of political considerations."

—MOHAMMAD KHATAMI, IRAN'S PRESIDENT
BETRAYING HIS GOVERNMENT'S DEEP DIVISIONS OVER SHIRIN EBADI, WHO WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAST WEEK. HE LAUDED HER SUCCESS, BUT ALSO SAID THE AWARD WAS "NOT VERY IMPORTANT."

Blockade Paralyzes Bolivian Capital

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA | The Bolivian capital ran short of food, gasoline and other essentials on Tuesday as angry protesters demanding the resignation of the president blocked roads into La Paz and the nearby city of El Alto, virtually paralyzing the urban area of 1.5 million.

Human rights groups reported that 60 people have died in the protests, which started as opposition to President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada's plan to export natural gas to the United States and Mexico. Protesters insist the gas should be industrialized in Bolivia. (AP)

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World

Talks Derail Over Kosovo

**Albanians, Serbs argue
about province's status
in first talks since war**

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | The first face-to-face talks between Serbs and Kosovo Albanians since 1999 ended bitterly Tuesday with rival leaders clashing over the future of the ethnically torn Balkan province.

Negotiators refused even a ceremonial handshake before the U.N.-sponsored meeting, which was supposed to avoid the contentious issue of Kosovo's status. The province's

ethnic Albanians insisted on independence, while Serbs said Kosovo should remain a province of Serbia and Montenegro, the odd coupling that replaced Yugoslavia after the fall of communism.

The talks marked the first time the former foes met face-to-face since war ended in June 1999, when a 78-day NATO bombing campaign halted former President Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown against ethnic Albanians.

Since the end of the war, Kosovo has been administered by the United Nations. DUSAN STOJANOVIC (AP)

ZIVKOVIC UNDER FIRE

→ **Serbia's government faced possible collapse Tuesday**, as angry lawmakers threatened a no-confidence vote on Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic's Cabinet—the first pro-Western administration since former President Slobodan Milosevic's ouster in 2000. It would be a major setback for efforts to stabilize the Balkans after a decade of wars and bloodshed in former Yugoslavia.

Party Hints At Reforms In China


**Communist country
is expected to uphold
private property rights**

BEIJING | A secrecy-cloaked meeting of China's top communists ended Tuesday much as it began — with oblique hints that the country's constitution would be revised to include private property ownership that was officially banned when the party took power 54 years ago.

The Communist Party closed its plenum with broad promises to push ahead with market reforms. But President Hu Jintao, in a lengthy speech, failed to confirm that the right to own property would be added to the constitution. The official Xinhua News Agency said only that the plenum approved "a proposal on revising part of the country's constitution."

The hints, however, were everywhere. "We should protect all kinds of property ownership, and private ownership as well," China Central Television quoted Hu as saying.

The meeting closed a day before the beginning of a launch window for China's first manned space mission. TED ANTHONY (AP)

 **New, new China:** The Communist Party's pragmatic recognition that economic reforms have remade Chinese society. Today's Post: Section A

JAPAN | STUMPING IN THE RAIN



FOCUSED: After Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi unveiled his platform to revive the ailing economy on Tuesday, he hit the streets of Tokyo for some curbside campaigning in the rain. Onlookers focused on the popular leader through their cell phones/digital cameras.

Man Convicted of Transmitting HIV

LONDON | A jury convicted an HIV-positive man Tuesday on two counts of causing grievous bodily harm for knowingly infecting two lovers with the virus.

Prosecutors said Mohammed Dica, 38, conned his first victim into having unprotected sex by claiming he had had a vasectomy. He wooed the second, a mother of two, with declarations of love.

Dica's conviction is the first successful prosecution in England and Wales in more than a century for infecting others with a sexually transmitted disease.

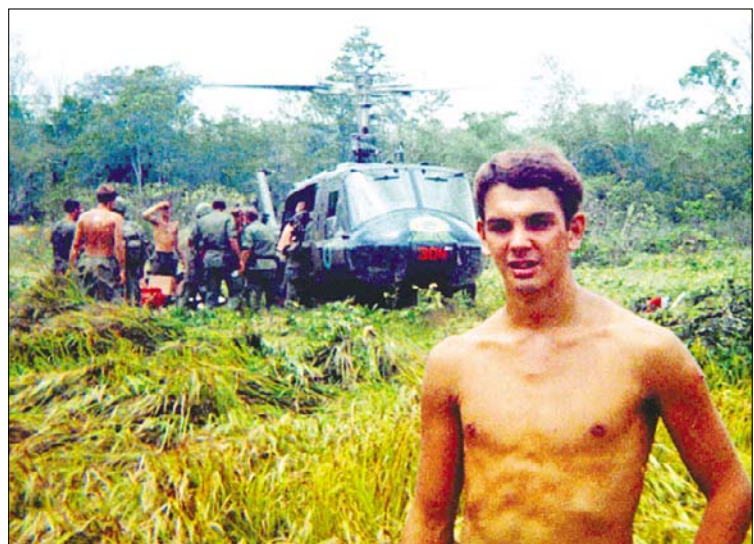
Dica did not testify at his trial, but he told police both women had known of his condition before sleeping with him.

Refusing Dica's application for bail, Judge Nicholas Philpot said, "If I had to sentence him today there would be no doubt he would be going to prison and for a long time." (AP)



WHO KNEW? The first woman to orbit the earth was Russian Valentina Tereshkova. Tereshkova was commander of the Vostok 6, which traveled 1.2 million miles and circled the globe 48 times in June 1963. (AP)

Region



Dean Harold Meyers, seen here in Vietnam War, was killed in the sniper spree.

Victim Remembered as Peaceful, Generous Man

Dean Harold Meyers survived Vietnam, but fell at hands of sniper

SNIPER TRIAL | Lying in an Army hospital, his left arm shattered by a North Vietnamese bullet, Dean Harold Meyers tried desperately to make sense of a world he no longer understood.

"I'm lost, searching for a purpose in my life," the 23-year-old rifleman scribbled on March 21, 1971.

Meyers eventually found his pur-

pose. A childless bachelor, he sponsored children in Africa. A highly paid engineer, he used his free time to build homes for the poor. An avid outdoorsman, he gave money to protect the environment.

But he still lived in a "world full of violence and hatred."

And on a rainy night last October, the man who had survived sniper fire in the jungles of southeast Asia was felled a few

blocks from his office by a bullet from a civilian version of the rifle he carried in Vietnam.

John Allen Muhammad, 42, went on trial in Virginia Beach, Va., on Tuesday in Meyers's slaying.

The second-youngest of four boys in a deeply religious family, Meyers grew up in eastern Pennsylvania.

Bright, athletic and gifted at the piano, Meyers had good prospects for college. But he chose instead to leave himself open to the draft and, in May 1969, was off to Vietnam.

Meyers came back from Vietnam convinced that God had safely delivered him, and he was determined to pay that back somehow.

Larry Meyers Jr. said he had no idea of the full extent of his uncle's goodness until he started going through his belongings.

There were the photographs and letters from children Meyers had been sponsoring in Kenya and Ethiopia for 23 years. There were certificates of appreciation from Habitat for Humanity and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Check stubs revealed he gave money to the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, and the conservation group American Rivers.

"In a two-week period, he contributed to 25 charities," his nephew said. "I mean, it went on and on."

ALLEN G. BREED (AP)

The beginning: For audio reports from John Allen Muhammad's trial and for breaking news throughout the proceedings, visit washingtonpost.com/metro.

Sniper Suspect Pleads Not Guilty

Jury selection begins in Muhammad trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | A stone-faced John Allen Muhammad pleaded innocent Tuesday to capital murder charges stemming from last year's sniper spree.

The trial began with jury selection, and Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. excused 53 of 124 potential jurors, mostly because of work or personal reasons. Jury selection could last several more days as the remaining 71 undergo further questioning.

Muhammad stood and stared silently at the jury each time Millette introduced a group of jurors to him and the lawyers in the case. Prosecutors and defense lawyers took the opportunity to say, "Good morning."

Before the trial began, Muhammad — dressed in a light gray shirt — entered a "not guilty" plea to each of the four counts against him: two counts of capital murder, conspiracy to commit murder and a firearms charge.

The judge asked Muhammad a series of questions, to which he



Judge Leroy Millette is presiding over John Allen Muhammad's trial

responded with his name, level of education and date of birth.

He was then asked if he understood the charges against him. He remained silent for several seconds, until defense attorney Jonathan Shapiro whispered in his ear. Muhammad then responded, "Yes, I understand what I am charged with."

After a few more questions, Millette asked if Muhammad was prepared for trial, to which he answered, "I'm prepared for it, yes." MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Warner Unveils Plan to Increase College Graduates

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Mark R. Warner announced plans Tuesday to increase the number of Virginia college graduates by 10,000 a year and to nearly double annual spending on academic research to \$1 billion by the end of the decade.

The measures are part of Warner's "Education for a Lifetime" initiative, which also includes reforms in elementary and secondary schools.

Warner said the higher education measures will increase Virginians' earning power, stimulate economic development and help the state accommodate enrollment growth over the next decade. (AP)

Mayor Williams Works the Phones

WASHINGTON | When Anthony A. Williams was inaugurated as mayor of the nation's capital nearly five years ago, he made a promise to cynical constituents: "You've got to believe we can answer the phones."

On Tuesday, Williams dropped in on customer service operators to see them work — and show them that he could do at least part of their jobs.

"One source of information can link you to all the other numbers," Williams told reporters as he sat down near a computer terminal and donned a headset. Over the course of about 15 minutes, the mayor fielded four calls from constituents seeking services from the city.

Plans call for the 202-727-1000 number to eventually be linked to

the 311 service used for non-emergency public safety calls.

Williams launched the Mayor's Citywide Call Center in April 1999.



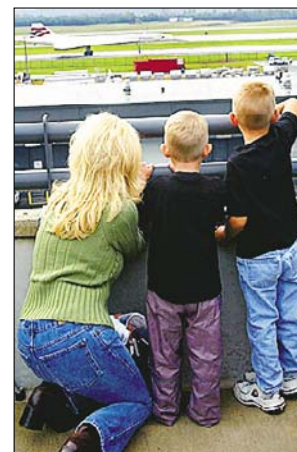
Williams

City residents call the agency to report problems with things like garbage pickup, traffic signals and potholes, or to complain about rat problems in their neighborhoods.

During Tuesday's visit — his third to the center — Williams discovered that work remains to be done before his goal of "every call answered" is reached. One call he tried to switch to the Department of Employment Services dropped into voicemail three times.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

PLANES | LAST CALL



TOUCH DOWN: Lisa Schaff watches with her two sons, Cole (left) and Nick, as the British Airways Concorde finishes its final flight, landing at Dulles International Airport on Tuesday.

Md. Woman Who Attacked Child Gets Four Days

ROCKVILLE, MD. | A woman who chased a little boy around a McDonald's, then rubbed hot french fries in his face, was sentenced to four days in prison Tuesday.

Milikia Hayes, 18, could have received ten years for her guilty plea to second-degree assault.

Authorities said that a four-year-old boy spilled ice cream on Hayes's shirt at the McDonald's in Germantown, Md.

Hayes — who was nine months pregnant at the time — began screaming. She then chased him, put the boy in a headlock, and rubbed the hot fries in his face. The boy was not seriously hurt. (AP)

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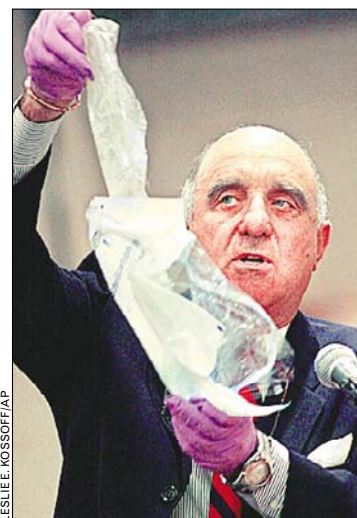
Breast Implants Revisited

FDA hears from both sides of silicone breast implant debate

WASHINGTON | Dozens of women and critics who blamed silicone gel breast implants for damaging health effects urged the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday not to lift its ban on the devices.

But after they sat down, a line of other women pleaded for access to the implants, calling them the most natural-feeling option to rebuild cancer-ravaged breasts or enlarge small ones.

The FDA opened the two-day hearing to seek advice on whether Inamed Corp. should be allowed to again sell silicone gel-filled breast implants here, like it does in Europe.



Dr. Edward Melmed, of Dallas, shows Tuesday the remains of a silicone implant he removed from a patient.

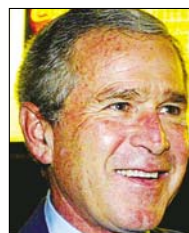
FDA advisers plan to issue their recommendation Wednesday.

The FDA ended routine sales of the once highly popular silicone implants in 1992 amid fears that leaking devices could cause serious disease.

Major scientific studies have never linked implants to diseases such as lupus or cancer.

LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

HEARSAY | CURRENCY



"[T]he competitive world is one that I think is positive, so long as the competition is fair."

— PRESIDENT BUSH

IN AN INTERVIEW TUESDAY WITH ASIAN JOURNALISTS, SAYING HE WILL KEEP PRESSURE ON CHINA AND JAPAN DURING UPCOMING MEETINGS TO STOP INTERVENING IN THE CURRENCY MARKETS

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Guess	12.71	+1.47	+13.1
Hexcel	7.60	+0.65	+9.4
Weider	3.26	+0.24	+7.9
NavigCons	13.89	+0.99	+7.7
Interpublic	15.34	+1.08	+7.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Fedders	6.25	-.66	-9.6
RoylGp g	8.78	-.83	-8.6
DeltaWd	2.30	-.20	-8.0
EMC Cp	13.34	-1.11	-7.7
Zarlink g	3.98	-.29	-6.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Lumenis	2.46	+1.19	+93.7
Crayfish s	12.01	+4.86	+68.0
Corillian	5.55	+1.11	+25.0
MER Tie	2.50	+0.49	+24.4
OnyxAcc	12.95	+2.39	+22.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Oilgear	3.57	-.83	-18.8
UrdOnln	25.44	-5.48	-17.7
CedarSh s	3.00	-.57	-16.0
Miltope	5.45	-.95	-14.8
SonoSite n	17.13	-2.60	-13.2

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.0625	1.00
3-month	0.91	0.90
2-year	1.69	1.65
10-year	4.35	4.26
30-year	5.25	5.16

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5972	.6001	.6422
Canadian Dollar	1.3233	1.3201	1.5855
European Euro	.8522	.8555	1.0134
Japanese Yen	108.85	108.89	124.29
Mexican Peso	11.2035	11.1920	10.1050
Taiwanese Dollar	34.00	33.70	35.17

In Brief

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Sprint Replaces Auditor

Sprint Corp. has replaced longtime auditor Ernst & Young, which came under fire from some shareholders because of tax shelter recommendations it made to Sprint's top two executives on how to deal with their stock options. Sprint announced Tuesday that the audit committee of its board of directors chose KPMG as auditor for fiscal 2004. Ernst & Young has been the auditor for Sprint and its predecessor since 1965, and never before has faced competition to keep the assignment. (AP)

INTERNET

Ebay Moves to Further Protect Buyers From Fraud

In a bid to bolster user trust amid a rising tide of online auction fraud, eBay Inc. on Tuesday announced expanded anti-fraud protection for those who buy items from the site's more trusted sellers. The new program, called PayPal Buyer Protection, gives buyers up to \$500 of free coverage if the item is not delivered or turns out to be "substantially not as described" if bought from certain eBay sellers. There is no processing fee. More than 48,000 online-fraud referrals were made to state and federal agencies last year, triple the number in 2001, according to law enforcement officials. Nearly half of those involved auction fraud, according to the FBI. (AP)

DOW NASDAQ S&P 500

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+48.60	+9.66	+4.13
+0.50	+0.50	+0.40
9812.98	1943.19	1049.48

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AOL TW	15.71	-.04	+19.9
ClearChan	41.85	+.28	+12.2
Comcast	32.43	+.38	+37.6
Comc sp	31.24	+.46	+38.3
CoxCom	32.26	-.01	+13.6
Disney	21.95	+.45	+34.6
Fox Ent	31.07	+.24	+19.8
Gannett	80.92	+.98	+12.7
GM H	15.46	+.08	+44.5
LibtyMA	10.40	-.08	+16.3
LibtyMB	10.88	+.11	+18.3
NewsCorp	34.60	+.08	+31.8
Thomson	31.35	-.45	+17.3
Viacom	41.71	+.02	+2.2
ViacomB	41.62	+.04	+2.1

Money

Final Arguments In Quattrone Case

Ex-Credit Suisse First Boston banker accused of obstruction

NEW YORK | Aware of a broad government investigation, star banker Frank Quattrone sought to protect his lucrative and powerful position by urging employees to destroy documents, a prosecutor argued Tuesday.

Quattrone's attorney countered by painting him as a victim of lawyers at his own bank who kept him in the dark.

The portrayals came in closing arguments in the trial of Quattrone, who is charged with obstructing jus-

tice in 2000 when he headed technology bankers at Credit Suisse First Boston. Closing arguments were to continue Wednesday.

Quattrone contends he was following CSFB policy, which requires some document destruction unless employees know the papers are sought in subpoenas or are the subject of lawsuits.



Quattrone

At the time, securities regulators and a federal grand jury were investigating whether CSFB clients paid the bank illegal kickbacks so they could get in on hot new stocks. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

A CAUTION ON DEBT COUNSELING

The government warned Tuesday that consumers who turn to nonprofit credit counseling services could find themselves paying high fees and getting little advice. Some advice from consumer groups:

- Take the time to shop around. Talk to two or three agencies. Ask for referrals from friends and credit associations, and don't rely on advertisements.
- An agency should spend 30 to 90 minutes studying a client's financial situation before making recommendations. If the agency employee seems to read from a script or pushes a debt management plan or debt savings, consider looking elsewhere.
- Look for credit services that offer classes in budgeting, savings and debt management, along with debt consolidation plans.
- Check out all fees, including initial and monthly charges, and find out if they are voluntary. If the fee for debt consolidation exceeds \$50 and the monthly fee exceeds \$25, a better deal might be available elsewhere. Be particularly wary if the agency will not discuss fees. (AP)

AOL to Offer Slimmer Plan At Lower Rate

INTERNET | Trying to fend off cut-rate competitors, America Online plans to introduce a discount version of its dial-up Internet access service early next year that will carry the Netscape brand name, a person with the company said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The new service is expected to cost \$9.95 per month for unlimited access, a big break on the \$23.90 monthly tag that comes with AOL's

current dial-up service, which has seen its subscriber numbers fall. The plan was first reported Tuesday in The Wall Street Journal.

The slimmed-down service will not offer the parental controls or exclusive content found on AOL's main service. And while AOL now lets subscribers have up to seven different e-mail accounts, the Netscape package will carry only one screen name and e-mail address. BRIAN BERGSTEIN (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: AOL's plan is an acknowledgment it needs to do more to keep its 25.3 million Internet access customers — after losing 1.1 million in the first half of this year.



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Sports

Yankees Close in On AL Pennant

New York takes lead in series with 4-2 win

PRO BASEBALL | David Wells put the New York Yankees on the verge of another World Series, sending them back to the Bronx with two chances to keep The Curse alive.

Wells worked his way out of trouble to lead the Yankees over the Red Sox 4-2 Tuesday for a 3-2 lead in the AL championship series. With one more victory, New York will extend Boston's perennial heartache to 85 years.

Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens are rested and ready for the final two games of the series, which continues Wednesday at Yankee Stadium.

Stadium.

Boston planned to start John Burkett, 0-6 against the Yankees in his career in the regular season, against Pettitte in Game 6, holding Pedro Martinez back for a seventh game rather than pitch him on three days' rest. But knuckleballer Tim Wakefield, who has both of his team's wins, said he thought he would be available if the Red Sox wanted him.

Wells improved to 9-2 in the postseason, allowing one run — Manny Ramirez's fourth-inning homer. He allowed just four hits in seven innings. RONALD BLUM (AP)

NLCS: For results of game six of the Chicago Cubs-Florida Marlins series | washingtonpost.com/sports



Boston's Bill Mueller walks back to the dugout after striking out against New York's David Wells, who earned the victory in Tuesday's 4-2 Yankees' win.

Perlozza Makes His Pitch to be Orioles Manager

PRO BASEBALL | No one interviewing for the job as manager of the Baltimore Orioles is more familiar with the team than Sam Perlozzo, who drew upon that experience during his audition Tuesday.

Perlozzo met with Orioles vice presidents Mike Flanagan and Jim Beattie, who are in charge of filling the position vacated by the dismissal of Mike Hargrove.



Perlozzo

Perlozzo has been a member of the Orioles' coaching staff for eight years, the last four under Hargrove. His association with the former manager could be interpreted as a negative, but Perlozzo said his familiarity with the players benefit him.

Perlozzo and former Oriole Eddie Murray, who already interviewed, are considered to be front-runners.

Former Oriole Rich Dauer, now a bench coach for the Milwaukee Brewers, will meet Wednesday with Beattie and Flanagan. Orioles first base coach Rick Dempsey will interview on Thursday. (AP)

Bryant Prosecution Goes on Attack

Accuser's lawyers ask that evidence of sexual history be kept closed

EAGLE, COLO. | Prosecutors accused Kobe Bryant's attorneys of deliberately smearing the reputation of his accuser Tuesday as they asked a judge to make sure any evidence about her sexual history is heard behind closed doors.

In a sharply worded court filing, prosecutors said defense attorney Pamela Mackey stepped over the line last week when she asked a detective at the preliminary hearing whether injuries to the 19-year-old woman were "consistent with a person who had sex with three different men in three days."



Bryant lawyers Pamela Mackey and Dave Williams discuss the case.

That question prompted Judge Frederick Gannett to end the hearing, which was to resume Wednesday. The hearing will determine whether Bryant will stand trial on a sexual assault charge.

Prosecutors said the question

was a "deliberate and calculated" attempt to elicit testimony on evidence irrelevant so early in the case. Mackey's voicemail said she would not return calls from reporters.

Prosecutors want Gannett to hold discussions about the accuser's sexual history in private.

Attorney Tom Kelley, who represents several media organizations, said he will fight the prosecution's request for a closed hearing.

Legal experts said Gannett might give Mackey a chance behind closed doors to provide information to back up her suggestion the woman had other sexual partners before her encounter with Bryant.

Bryant has said he and the woman had consensual sex.

JON SANCHE (AP)

HEARSAY | ACC SUIT

"It's the story of betrayal and treachery that violates the law."

—RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
CONNECTICUT'S ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO ON TUESDAY, ACTING ON BEHALF OF FOUR BIG EAST SCHOOLS, SUED BOSTON COLLEGE AND THE ACC, WHICH RECRUITED BC, MIAMI AND VIRGINIA TECH TO JOIN ITS LEAGUE.

Today's TV Lineup

PRO BASEBALL (4 p.m. on Fox) The American League Championship Series moves back to Yankee Stadium for game six and, if necessary, game seven. John Burkett is scheduled to pitch for the Boston Red Sox against New York's Andy Pettitte, who is undefeated in the playoffs.

PRO BASEBALL (8 p.m. on Fox) If neces-

sary, game seven of the National League Championship Series between the Chicago Cubs and the Florida Marlins. Kerry Wood would pitch for the Cubs and Mark Redman is slated to start for the Marlins.

PRO HOCKEY (8:30 p.m. on ESPN) The winless Boston Bruins face the Dallas Stars.

In Brief

PRO HOCKEY Capitals' Grier Suspended For One Game Illegal Hit

Washington Capitals forward Mike Grier was suspended for one game by the NHL on Tuesday for elbowing Toronto's Robert Reichel. Grier hit Reichel in the corner with 2:45 remaining in regulation of a 2-2 tie Monday night and received a two-minute elbowing minor. Grier, who will lose \$9,066.66, will miss Tuesday's game at Montreal and is eligible to return Friday against the Dallas Stars. (AP)

BASKETBALL Hill Honored For High School Efforts in Virginia

NBA star Grant Hill, the first freshman to start at South Lakes High School in Reston, was among eight athletes, coaches and contributors inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame on Tuesday night. Hill, a six-time NBA all-star, scored 2,028 points at Reston and was selected as a third-team All-American by Parade in 1990. (AP)



Hill

PRO FOOTBALL Redskins Place Royal on IR; Resign Tight End Flemister

The Washington Redskins placed tight end Robert Royal on injured reserve Tuesday and re-signed tight end Zeron Flemister. Royal broke a hip bone in Sunday's 35-13 loss to Tampa Bay and is out for the season. He had started all six games, catching five passes for 48 yards. Flemister lost his starting job to Royal last month. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL Bucs' Sapp Fined by NFL

The NFL fined Tampa Bay defensive lineman Warren Sapp \$50,000 on Tuesday for mistreating officials and threatened him with a suspension if his behavior doesn't improve. NFL director of game operations Peter Hadhazy issued the fine after reviewing Sapp's conduct in three games. Hadhazy said any further misconduct will result in a suspension of at least one game. Before last Sunday's game against Washington, Sapp bumped into an official as he entered the field. (AP)

Don't Go Into the Cellar!

The predictable plots of slasher flicks are our modern folklore

FILM | If slasher movies have said it once, they've said it a hundred times: When you're young, lost and weary and you need a helping hand ... the other hand is going to be holding a hook, machete or chain saw.

It's the standard warning preached in most survival-horror flicks, starting with "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" in 1974 and retold in the likes of "Friday the 13th," "A Nightmare on Elm Street," "Halloween" and the more recent "Jeepers Creepers."

The tale has been repeated so often — and with so many sequels — why would anyone want to remake one of the originals?

Marcus Nispel, the director of New Line Cinema's new 2003 version of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," has a simple answer: repetition is part of the fun.

He described the slasher genre as modern folk tales, simple yarns meant to be re-told with added embellishment as they grow.

The original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" featured the gruesome visage of deranged murder that lived up to its stark name. It helped



ASKING FOR IT: "I've got an idea — let's run out of gas late at night in some godforsaken place and scatter in all directions."

define the slasher genre and stunned unprepared sneak-preview audiences — some reportedly staggered out of theaters sick. In the remake, Jessica Biel of "7th Heaven" plays one of five stranded youths who become the prey of a deformed lunatic who fails to follow proper safety guidelines when utilizing tree-trimming equipment.

Capitalizing on Halloween and the new remake, a special edition DVD release of the 1974 thriller debuted Tuesday.

Tobe Hooper, the original's director, refused to be interviewed about the film, but has said previously that he too was inspired by folk tales — and by shopping in a hardware store.

He fused his chain-saw motif to the true-life story of Ed Gein, the Wisconsin grave robber and murderer whose 1957 exploits, which involved cannibalism and sewing clothes out of human skin, inspired the Alfred Hitchcock movie "Psycho" and the Oscar-winning

"The Silence of the Lambs."

Scott Kosar, the screenwriter who adapted the "Chainsaw" script, said he had reverence for the original's signature senselessness.

"It's not based on plot or clever construction. There was no attempt to explain what was happening," Kosar said. "There's just a murderous beast with a chain saw and he just keeps coming and coming and coming."

The same can be said of slasher MOVIES. ANTHONY BREZNICAN (AP)

Something Wicked

Josh Homme and PJ Harvey make evil, beautiful music

MUSIC | It's either Halloween all the time in the desert, or Queens of the Stone Age's Josh Homme just has an ear for the evil that taints the winds in Joshua Tree.

On "9 & 10," the latest volumes of the guitarist-vocalist's near-continuous side project, "The Desert Sessions" (each volume approximates one side of vinyl), J-Ho & Co. forgo some of their characteristic generator-party sludgefuzz excess for an even more danger-

ous dalliance with the funereal blues of PJ Harvey.

Harvey first makes her presence felt in the backing vocals, piano and sax she provides on the lighthearted "I Wanna Make It Wit Chu." But she asserts psychological dominance in the hollowed-out one-take blues screed "There Will Never Be a Better Time."

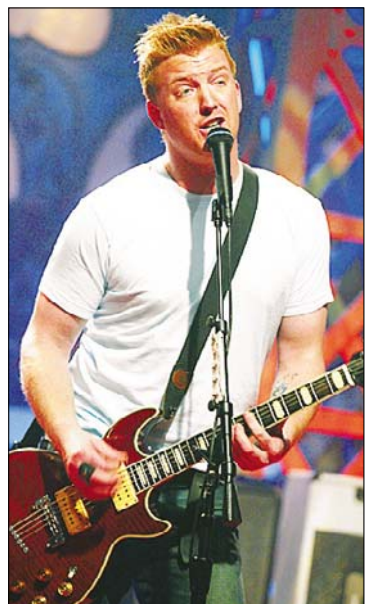
Stone Age-style guitar howl still abounds, with the boys extending their road-rock fascinations with "In My Head? Or Something" and

the psycho-funk of "Subcutaneous Phat."

But Homme's misfit casting gels like never before on a couple of these songs, most notably on the spooky fuzz-bath "Crawl Home" and electro-minuet "Powdered Wig Machine."

These are satisfying, fully realized songs by what sounds like a new band first finding artistic convergence.

With Harvey in full, baleful voice, and the band locked in at its most extroverted, we can only hope this is a portent of more (evil) things to come. DEAN KUIPERS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Homme onstage with QOTSA, as ordinary-looking as the killer next door.

Top Stops

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All Aboard: Moran's Bandwagon

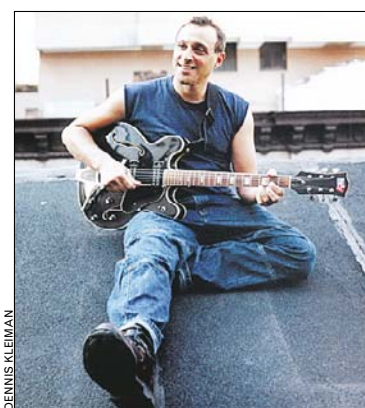
1 Here's proof that the Kennedy Center is positioning itself as a premier local jazz venue: it booked Jason Moran and the Bandwagon. The Texan pianist is an aficionado of opera and hip-hop, and lets film and painting inspire his — oh, let's call it "jazz."

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$25; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Folk With a Kick: Dan Bern at Wolf Trap

2 Dan Bern is a not-so-nice Jewish boy armed with an acoustic guitar and quick mental reflexes. The singer-songwriter is verbose and incisive about sex, love, being president, Tiger Woods and God himself, and he says it in rivetingly beautiful melodies.

Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna, 8 p.m., \$16; 703-218-6500.



Dan Bern: the sharp-tongued prankster with a knack for lovely melodies.

Choice and Fate: Patty Hearst Redux

3 What really happened to Patty Hearst during her 1972 kidnapping is the mystery that fuels Susan Choi's hot new novel, "American Woman." She'll read from it this evening.

Politics & Prose Bookstore, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

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LAST CHANCE: Doodly-deedely-doodly-deedelyWANGGG. That's guitar god Pat Metheny. The P.M. Trio ends its rock block tonight. Ram's Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis; \$65; 410-268-4545.

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Entertainment

An Actor Stands Tall

PERSONALITY | Peter Dinklage will not pretend that size doesn't matter.

"What do you mean? I'm a dwarf, man?" the 4-foot, 6-inch actor wails, staring down at his stubby legs and flailing his hands in mock horror. "Oh, my God! Whoa! I thought it was a part I played! I thought he was the dwarf, not me!"

The star of "The Station Agent" then wryly slips into aloof acting-coach mode, droning instructions to "act more dwarf."

He was not always so easygoing about stares or comments over his size.

"When I was younger, definitely, I let it get to me," Dinklage, 34, said.

A veteran off-Broadway performer, Dinklage has been marginalized by his size in Hollywood. He's mostly played bit parts and oddball characters.

Until "The Station Agent." A surprise charmer at last winter's Sundance Film Festival, where it won the award for audience favorite, the film hurls Dinklage into leading-man's shoes as an unsociable, train-obsessed dwarf who inherits an abandoned railway depot.

The well-mannered drollness with which Dinklage's character, Fin McBride, fends off human contact makes for one of the year's best performances. It's delivered with serene heart and humor as his defenses dissolve amid budding friendships with a grief-stricken artist (Patricia Clarkson) and a lonely coffee peddler (Bobby Cannavale).



ED BAILEY/AP

'The Station Agent' addresses Fin's size matter-of-factly, first with double takes, then by forgetting about it.

Writer-director Tom McCarthy had the general story idea of an emotionally disconnected character living in a train depot. He knew he had his man when he met Dinklage.

The film addresses Fin's size matter-of-factly, with characters doing double takes when first encountering him, then forgetting about his size.

Dinklage's upcoming roles include a part in the holiday comedy "Elf," in which he plays a snobbish children's book author who beats the tar out of star Will Ferrell for mistakenly calling him one of Santa's elves. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

TopStops

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Journey of the Soul: National Geographic Photos

4 In the search for enlightenment, a man's first step is usually away from the familiar. Steve McCurry's photo essay, "Pilgrimage," documents such journeys in images from the Middle East, Far East and the Indian subcontinent. McCurry is best known as the photographer who captured Afghanistan's fierce strength in his portrait of a young Afghan girl. Through Feb. 1.

National Geographic, Explorer's Hall; 1145 17th St. NW; free; 202-857-7588. (Farragut North)

John Eaton: Raising Standards

5 Pianist and singer John Eaton is a local treasure — a lover and preservationist of Golden Era standards, which he puts over with stunning dexterity and wit at the keyboard and great emotional resonance vocally, and a charming, sometimes irascible performer.

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; 12:30 p.m., free; 202-639-1770. (Farragut West)



KEITH JENKINS/TWP

They don't write them like that anymore, but John Eaton still plays them.

Local Motion: Bowen McCauley Dance

6 D.C.-based choreographer Lucy Bowen McCauley gathered up a dozen local dancers to form Bowen McCauley Dance. Her work is inventive, intimate and technically rigorous — she eschews hissy recordings for live music and uses ballet training as the basis for her sly modernist works.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$35; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



GUILTY PLEASURES: When there's a nip in the air, a young man's fancy turns to bourbon. And where better to procure the aged stuff than at Bourbon itself? 2348 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-625-7770.

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MATTHEW PEYTON/AP/GETTY

Extremity Explained

BOOKS | Thankfully, most of us will never be struck by lightning, attacked by a grizzly bear, shot in the head or contract leprosy. But there's a book that tells the stories of people who have.

"What It Feels Like" by Esquire magazine senior editor A.J. Jacobs is an oral history of extreme experiences. A man describes how he dug out of an avalanche, an exorcist recounts battling an evil entity.

Not every account stems from trauma. Others describe walking on the moon, swallowing swords and touching fake breasts. **JOHN JURGENSEN** (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

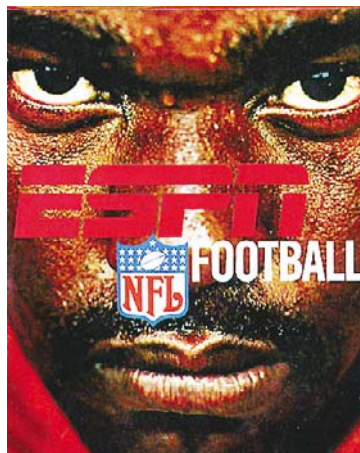
A Touchdown for NFL Games

VIDEO GAMES | As it has in the National Football League, parity has come to NFL video games.

It's been easy to simply anoint whatever iteration of the "Madden" game was current, and pick a second-place finisher from those bringing up the rear.

This year, "Madden 2004" from Tiburon and EA Sports for the PlayStation 2, and "ESPN Football," from Sega for the Xbox are in a dead heat.

Fans used to the "Madden" series will be familiar with the play modes: Mini-Camp, Football 101, Franchise and Tournament. A fantastic new



Finally, a worthy opponent for the formerly untouchable "Madden" series.

mode, Owner, gives you total control over every area of your team. You hire and fire, decide how much to gouge the fans on ticket prices and even fiddle with the prices at the concession stands.

Gameplay remains solid and relatively easy to pick up for a quick tilt. Becoming an expert will take far longer. The new Playmaker option gives you more control over each play, but requires more learning time.

Graphics are good, although a back-to-back comparison gives "ESPN" the edge.

Finally, using the EA Sports

Online service, you can play against other "Madden" fans online.

The graphics of "ESPN" are immediately arresting, and may be the best ever for football. First Person Football puts you on the field in a first-person perspective with selected players. It makes an excellent alternative to the more normal behind-the-line view.

"ESPN" has all the bells and whistles; the sound, including the brilliantly elaborate commentary, edges "Madden." But both games are first-draft quality, state-of-the-art NFL titles. **WILLIAM SCHIFFMANN** (AP)

ON TV TONIGHT

BLOOD, SWEAT AND CIGARS CHURCHILL (8 p.m., PBS) Ian McKellen narrates a documentary profiling the life of Winston Churchill. While most Americans associate Churchill with his defiant stand against the Third Reich, "Churchill" reminds us of his failures and misjudgments, including the bloody Gallipoli disaster, his cavalier approach

to a postwar general strike and his racist dismissal of Mahatma Gandhi.

GIRL, CRAZY THE BACHELOR (9 p.m., ABC) Viewers felt cheated when last week's episode ended with no rose ceremony. Does that mean two groups of girls get the hook this week? Not bloody likely. But we will get to see Bob date Lee Ann, the apple-

cheeked second-grade teacher and all-around psycho.

EXECUTIVE ARDOR THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) President Bartlet faces a diplomatic crisis after a piano virtuoso from North Korea seeks asylum. Longtime fans of the show must have let out a war whoop last week when Josh finally planted a



A veep candidate toys with Toby.

kiss on Amy's smug mug.

DEMOCRACY IN INACTION 60 MINUTES II (8 p.m., CBS) Secretary of State Colin Powell's chief of intelligence discusses what Powell knew when he addressed the U.N. on the eve of the Iraq invasion. Also: an interview with Howard Dean. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Cars



HIDDEN DEPTHS: When the top goes up, the 9-3's trunk expands to a cavernous 12.4 cubic feet, easily the biggest in its class.

Swede Chariot

The new 9-3 goes from esoteric to plenty hip

ROAD TEST | Saab calls the color of the 9-3 Aero convertible test car Lime Yellow, a name that hardly does justice to its eye-crossing intensity. How about Hyperbaric Chartreuse? Metrosexual Melon?

By any name, the new paint option makes a bold statement about the redesigned 9-3 convertible: It's here, it's Swedish, get used to it. Saab has given its 9-3 convertible a "Fab Five" makeover.

Step 1: Add a dose of styling Botox. The crisp character lines of the previous model have been relaxed so that the car has a more voluptuous form. The target-audience needle has moved from "Swarthmore professor" to "Sony studio executive."

Step 2: Drop the hemline. The bottom edge of our sport-package

Aero model was ringed with racy "ground effects" — ground-hugging body valences and sill extensions meant to improve the car's aerodynamic stability, or at least its cosmetic appeal.

Step 3: Get a new hairdo. The 9-3's soft-top is a substantial piece of engineering. The automated top mechanism performs a lovely bit of ballet, set in motion at the touch of a button — no manual latching of the leading edge of the top to the windshield header.

Step 4: Accessorize. Our tester was loaded with great features, including Bluetooth, leather heated power sport seats, power everything else and — just for kicks — an air-conditioned glove box.

All that said, the Saab isn't a hair-on-fire sports machine like

2004 SAAB 9-3 AERO CONVERTIBLE

ENGINE: 2.0-liter turbocharged inline-4 engine; 210 horsepower at 5,500 rpm

TRANSMISSION: Six-speed manual

WEIGHT: 3,550 pounds

WHEELBASE: 105.3 inches

MILEAGE: 21 mpg city, 30 highway

BASE PRICE: \$42,500

the BMW M convertible. This is a competent touring convertible, more mild than wild, more boulevardier than street-fighting man. But judging from the not-quite-filled wheel wells, Saab has left itself room for a more extreme performance version to come. Anyone for a slammed Saab? **DAN NEIL (L.A. TIMES)**

Survey Says: You Want a Mini Cooper

Here are the vehicles judged "most appealing" in each category in the J.D. Power and Associates 2003 Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout Study:

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Premium sports car: BMW Z4

Compact pickup: Subaru Baja

Full-size pickup: Cadillac Escalade EXT

Entry SUV: Honda Element

Midsize SUV: Nissan Murano

Full-size SUV: Ford Excursion

Luxury SUV: Lexus RX 330 (2004)

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Yes. Exceedingly so.

I haven't kept up with the required maintenance for my 1996 Geo Prizm. It's got about 83,000 miles on it now and I've yet to have the valves adjusted, as required at 60,000 miles. Am I and my car going to hell for my transgression?

Probably not. But you better get it done. Valve adjustment prevents valve deterioration. Also, don't allow a technician to tell you that because

the engine is quiet it doesn't need the adjustment. The typical problem is the valves become tight, not loose. Tight valves are quiet valves. Tight valves burn. Tight valves left unadjusted cause big repair bills.

My friend claims that high octane gas is better for your car than regular. I argue that an engine is designed for a specific octane and you are best served by reading the manual that came with the car.

You are very right. Using higher than the recommended octane not only wastes money but can lead to excessive maintenance needs later in the life of the vehicle.

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STAIID, SAFE: Large cars like the Lincoln Town Car have the lowest fatality rates.

Weight Matters

SAFETY | Mid-size sport utility vehicles are nine times as likely as passenger cars to be involved in fatal rollover crashes and twice as likely to kill the occupants of other vehicles in crashes, a new study says.

The study, released Tuesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, examined fatality

data from 1995 to 2000 to determine the effects of vehicle weight.

It found large passenger cars, such as the Lincoln Town Car, and minivans had the lowest fatality rates of all vehicle types.

The study found that the fatality rate for SUVs and passenger cars of similar weight was about the same

in non-rollover crashes. But death rates rose significantly for SUV occupants in rollover crashes.

In general, NHTSA found vehicles that weighed less were less safe. Among small passenger cars such as the Toyota Corolla, there was a 4.4 percent increase — an estimated 597 deaths per year — in the risk of a fatality for every 100-pound reduction in the vehicle's weight.

There was a 3 percent increase in fatality risk, or 234 deaths per year, for every 100-pound reduction in mid-size SUVs and light trucks such as the Ford Explorer.

Among the heaviest vehicles there was little difference when weight was reduced by 100 pounds. Occupants were killed more often in single-vehicle crashes because of increased rollovers or less protection, but those were offset by the smaller numbers of people killed when they were struck by the heavier vehicles. **DEE-ANN DURBIN (AP)**

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PEZ-ES OF HISTORY: The Pez Museum ensures that Pez is properly preserved.

Dispensing Joy

MUSEUMS | Some 1,500 PEZ dispensers, all nestled in creative landscapes, fill the recently opened Easton Museum of Pez in Easton, Pa. Disney PEZ sit in a 10-foot-high castle. Halloween-themed PEZ are displayed in a haunted house. And psychedelic PEZ are set beside a real Volkswagen Beetle that appears to be crashing through the wall.

Owners Kevin and Tim Coyle hope to entice some of the 400,000 or so yearly visitors to the adjacent Crayola Factory to turn left and walk 30 seconds down a mural-filled alley to visit the shrine to the hand-held candy dispensers.

PEZ, derived from the German word for peppermint, pfefferminz, was first produced for adult smokers in Austria more than 50 years ago. The Orange, Conn.-based company says more than 3 billion PEZ candies are consumed annually in the United States.

The Easton museum, which opened in mid-July, lays out the dispensers by era and genre. There are NFL PEZ and superheros, Star Wars and Charlie Brown, Elton John and Santa Claus. There is also a "Where in the World is Waldo" game the brothers have set up on a wall display containing more than 500 dispensers.

"My brother and I have been joking to each other, 'How do you like having \$100,000 invested in plastic dolls?'" said Kevin Coyle, 37. "We could end up with a whole lot of Easter gifts." JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)



CHRIS GARDNER/AP

Pez of the psychedelic variety give worshippers the not-so-evil eye.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

Live Online

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We've been to Shenandoah National Park many times to see the fall colors, and the kids are getting tired of it. Do you have any recommendations for viewing the colorful leaves closer to home?

Rock Creek Park is beautiful in the fall. One of my fave near-in spots to go leaf-peeping is Great Falls, on either the Virginia or Maryland side. Also, Brookside Gardens in Wheaton is gorgeous — lots of trails to walk on, and the nature center is really interesting.



SETH HAMBILINTWP

Go dancing at Astro in Reykjavik; take in the tall, attractive, blond people.

Last year I was able to take advantage of some deeply discounted business class fares to Europe. Have you heard about any similar offers this winter?

There have been some discounts, but not what I'd call deep discounts. Try www.1stair.net, a consolidator that handles first and business-class seats.

Have you ever done one of those "midweek madness" things by Icelandair? Is there anything happening in Reykjavik on weekdays?

I wasn't horrendously impressed with the capital city, but then I'm not a party/bar person. But two things might help: Go to the Icelandic tourism site, www.ice-landtouristboard.com. It should tell you if the clubs are going during the week. Secondly, try the area around Reykjavik. You could go to the Blue Lagoon — between the city and the airport — for an outdoor hot springs experience, or take a tour bus for a half-day of dog sledding or snowmobiling. The countryside is awesome.

My husband and I are going to Australia for the first time next year. Any good travel books you can recommend for our planning?

I used the Frommer's book for Australia, but I'm sure there are plenty of good ones. If, however, you like to learn the history of a place before you go, there is just one book to read: "The Fatal Shore." I don't generally enjoy history books, but I really loved this one.

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BUSES | Despite the name, it's not a limo, but a very fancy bus. The LimoLiner, a 28-seat motor coach that began service Oct. 3, runs between New York and Boston. The service promises leather seats for power napping, high-speed Internet access, power outlets and conference tables for on-board meetings. Snacks and newspapers are free; an attendant is on board for each trip. It even has a 10-row cell-phone free zone.

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I HAPPENED TO READ Olya Vladimirova's complaint (Oct. 13) about the D.C.-area Metro while riding that very same Metro. This visitor from Southern California was marveling at how comfortably and inexpensively I was being whisked to my destination, and I couldn't help but wonder whether the writer was being facetious or had become accustomed to teleportation in a previous life. In my hometown, there simply is no viable alternative to driving. Although we do have a rudimentary light rail system, it doesn't go anywhere I do. The bus is dirty, noisy, and generally unpleasant — and costs \$2.25 one way.

—STEVE TRUNK
San Diego, Calif.

REGARDING MONDAY'S entertainment page, it's "slightly ironic" (to quote Nigella Lawson) if you look above Lion King producer Don Hahn's comment, "It was animals without opposable thumbs." Pictured there is baboon Rafiki cradling baby Simba with a hand whose thumb looks totally *not* parallel to the other fingers; an *unopposable* thumb would be way more parallel. Better double check those cel frames.

—HILARY KACSER
Washington, D.C.

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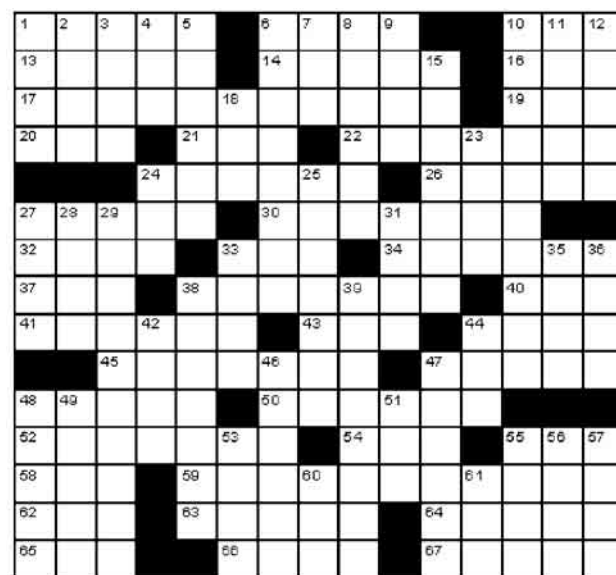
Yesterday's Solutions



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Someone with a lot on his shoulders
- 6 One wearing the apron strings
- 10 Cry from on high
- 13 "Twelfth Night" heroine
- 14 Synonym collector
- 16 Reward for a sacrifice, sometimes
- 17 Handy pointer
- 19 Bradley and Sullivan
- 20 Spot remover?
- 21 Meal opener?
- 22 Left in the lurch
- 24 Deep blue
- 26 Fancy duds
- 27 Sufficiently
- 30 Partner
- 32 Shared funds
- 33 "Shallow ____" (2001 film)
- 34 Quieted a crying baby
- 37 Two of none?
- 38 Unauthorized strike
- 40 Quarry product
- 41 Wickerwork cane
- 43 A sucker holds it
- 44 Waves breaking on the shore
- 45 Nighttime visitor
- 47 To begin with
- 48 Wide scarf
- 50 Like some decals



- 52 Barbary Coast pirate
- 54 Hammer and anvil site
- 55 No. cruncher
- 58 ____chi
- 59 Parlor
- 62 Leading Dada painter
- 63 Drawn-out tales
- 64 Sharp-eyed hunter

- 65 Concorde, e.g.
- 66 Coming up
- 67 Holyfield rival

DOWN

- 1 Gung-ho
- 2 Miniscule
- 3 Source of riches
- 4 Draft option
- 5 German state and

- one-time kingdom
- 6 Disparaging
- 7 Sweetie
- 8 Incites
- 9 They'll keep you on your toes
- 10 Unit of college work
- 11 Pop singer Paula
- 12 Thin streaks of smoke

- 15 Bring forth for inspection
- 18 Craze
- 23 Regatta requirement, sometimes
- 24 Out of sorts
- 25 Fort Knox stash
- 27 Mimic
- 28 Lisa of the Louvre
- 29 Afterthought
- 31 Carpet style
- 33 Female red deer
- 35 Muffs it
- 36 Dexterous
- 38 Classified information?
- 39 Paddling advocate
- 42 Artsy town near Santa Fe
- 44 Confession in a confessional
- 46 Desert phenomenon
- 47 Lose one's train
- 48 Impersonate
- 49 Takes wing
- 51 One of the Bobbsey clan
- 53 Persian Gulf state
- 55 Machinist's teeth
- 56 Equestrian contest
- 57 Sunday sound
- 60 Ski coating
- 61 Sci-fi writer Bradbury

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Avoid extravagance — both in behavior and style. Do what you can to maintain a balance between mind, body and spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — One false move can put you in the running for the "mistake of the year" award. Great care must be taken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — What others say and do is not likely to affect you as strongly as expected. You'll be free of certain limitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You are likely to attract those who are willing to do a great deal for you. You can bet that

they'll ask a great deal of you as well. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Work to improve your artistry, for your intent and your passion are unassailable at this time. Take a more subtle approach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You're going to have to change your mind simply to suit those in authority. Don't hold a grudge.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're likely to find yourself attracted to an individual or an endeavor that seems wholly unlike you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Home affairs bring you the most satisfaction. You'll be eager to get back home as often as possible throughout this busy day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's a good day for you to make an entrance of sorts — at home or at the workplace. Once you're on the scene, everything will change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do things from an unusual angle, possibly making a sneak attack. Your goal is in reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your charisma and powerful way of speaking can work wonders for you — but one person in the crowd may actually try to resist you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your efforts may be eclipsed, for a brief period, by someone who really knows how to make every turn at bat count.

LATINOS AND LABOR

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

GUSTAVO TORRES, executive director of CASA of Maryland Inc., the largest Latino service provider and advocacy organization in Maryland, was online Tuesday to discuss labor issues.

Is it true that Latinos get paid much less than their white and black counterparts in hourly trades like construction or janitorial services?

The Economic Policy Institute did an excellent report documenting that Latino men typically earn 44.5 percent of poverty level wages; for Latina women, the situation is even more desperate, with 53.5 percent earning poverty-level wages. At CASA, we have represented Latino workers who did not receive overtime compensation, while their U.S.-born co-workers did.

Can you explain why illegal aliens who do not contribute taxes to the community they live in deserve to receive community services?

I don't accept your premise. Many workers, regardless of their immigration status, contribute to the economy through their work and purchasing power. As you know, most immigrants neither qualify nor seek government assistance such as welfare or food stamps. Most immigrant workers arrive in this country at a very young age after being educated in their home countries and immediately contribute to the economy. In addition, studies show that most low-wage workers spend a larger percentage of their income locally than do higher paid workers.

I hear that some of the proposals for immigration reform would allow for greater family reunification. Is this to allow immigrants to bring their immediate families into the country or their extended families?

There are several different proposals for legalization. Family reunification of immediate family members will most likely be a priority, including parents with children, spouses and parents.

Today on Live Online

NOON The Post's David Von Drehle discusses "Triangle: The Fire That Changed America," his book about the 1911 factory fire that killed 149 mostly-immigrant workers.

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People

LITIGATION

Justice Smiles on Kidman

Oscar-winning actress **NICOLE KIDMAN** accepted an apology and undisclosed damages Tuesday from a British newspaper group to settle a libel suit over an article alleging that she had an adulterous affair with "Cold Mountain" co-star Jude Law. Tuesday's settlement followed an almost identical deal in Kidman's favor in July when Associated Newspapers, publisher of the Daily Mail, granted her undisclosed damages and an apology for a similar article. (AP)



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AWARDS

Livin' Large

Rapper 50 Cent won two major awards at The Source Hip-Hop Music Awards in Miami on Monday. 50 Cent's album "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" won album of the year, while his song "In Da Club" won single of the year for a male solo artist. Nelly and Lil Kim won male and female artists of the year, respectively. At left, rappers **BIZ MARKIE** and **BONECRUSHER** pose, exposed, as they arrive at the awards. (AP)



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BOYCOTTS

Dylan Is Ruined for Sure

German photojournalists announced plans to boycott Bob Dylan's upcoming tour after he decreed that he would not allow his photo to be taken



during performances. The German Association of Journalists petitioned its 41,000-plus members to also boycott tours by Peter Gabriel, Bon Jovi and Guns N' Roses. "The freedom for photojournalists to pursue their profession is more important than Bob Dylan's personal preferences," said a spokesperson. (EXPRESS)

HEARSAY | FROM THE ASHES



"The way we look at it, Gary was 'Arnold' before Arnold was cool."

— **MICHAEL O'SHEA**, CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF ALL COMEDY RADIO ON HIRING CALIFORNIA GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE GARY COLEMAN AS THE NETWORK'S POLITICAL ANALYST



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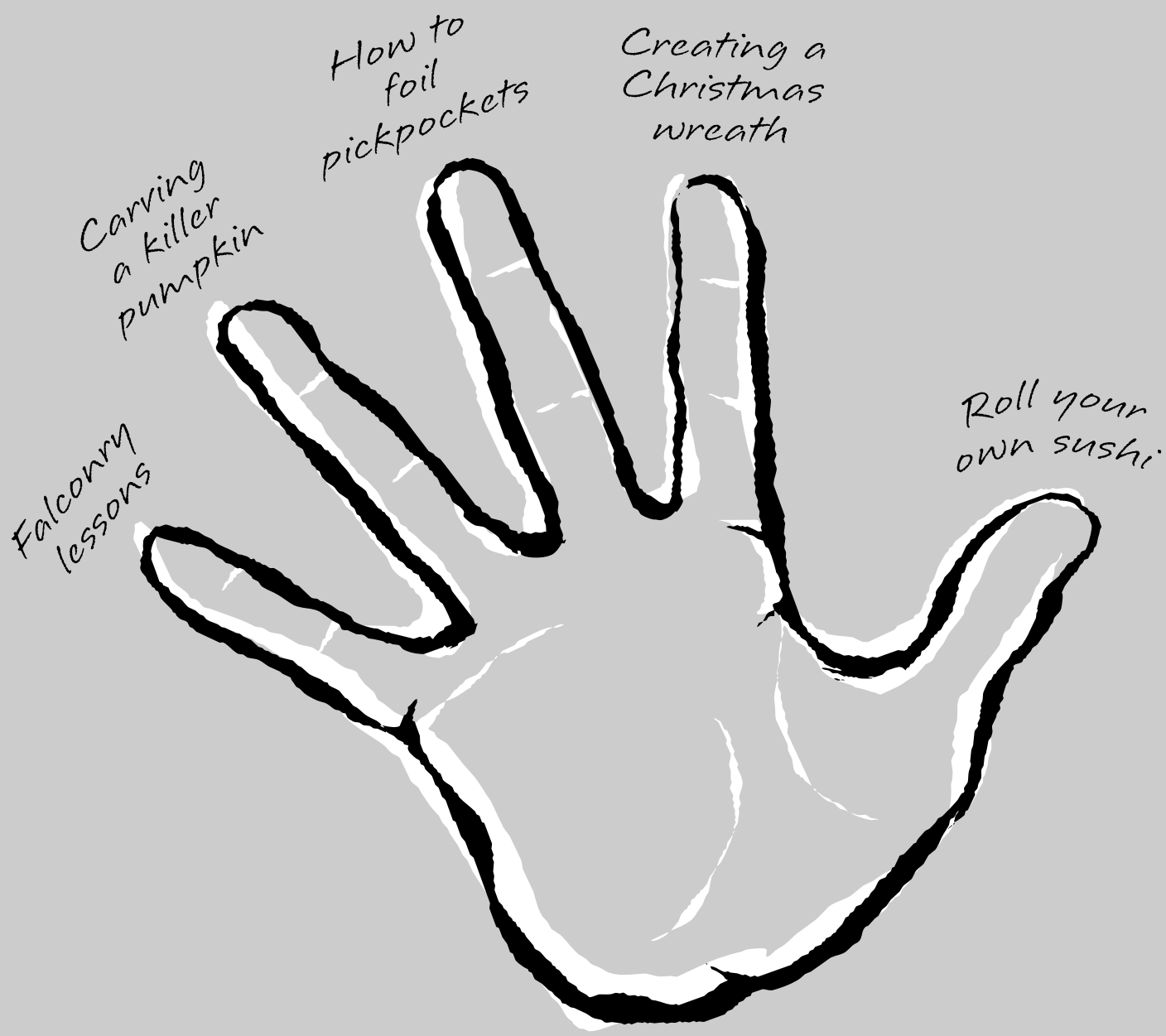
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